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**REQUEST FOR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT
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Sir:

The Office Action of September 19, 2007, returned a copy of the PTO/SB/08a indicating that at least one the references submitted with the Information Disclosure Statement filed December 18, 2003, was considered. However, cited U.S. Patent No. 5,548,411 (Sato et al.) was not initialed by the Examiner. It is respectfully requested that Examiner Orange please acknowledge consideration of the above-identified reference and appropriately initial the PTO/SB/08a also electronically submitted today (listing only the unconsidered reference).

Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

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